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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 10 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/EP2002/006614

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____ 1-7, filed with the letter of 04 April 2003 (04.04.2003)

 the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)

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 the drawings:

pages _____ 1/9-9/9, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/fig _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: EP-A-1 026 349.

2. The amendments submitted with the letter of 28 March 2003 introduce substantive matter which, contrary to PCT Article 34(2) (b), goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed. This concerns the following amendments:

claim 1: the fact that the recess in the locking system accommodates the inner end with a **positive fit**;

page 2: **the positive engagement of the screw can keep the turret free from radial tension forces;**

page 5: the locking bar 24 formed by the screw 20 is introduced **positively** into the turret recess 33;

page 5: further disposed on the slide 21 is a spring plate 41...for **positive** locking.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 70.2(c), these amendments have been disregarded for the purposes of this report.

3. The preamble of claim 1 is based on D1, which is considered the closest prior art.
4. The subject matter of claim 1 differs therefrom by the features in the characterizing part of the claim. Claim 1 therefore meets the requirement of PCT Article 33(2).
5. The subject matter of claim 1 is based on the problem of improving the locking of the turret or dummy turret. There is no precedent in the available prior art for the concept whereby the turret or dummy turret has, facing the screw, a recess which accommodates the inner end of the screw in the locking position and converts the screw held in the carrier into a locking bar which moves into the turret or dummy turret in order to solve the problem of interest. Therefore claim 1 meets the requirement of PCT Article 33(3).
6. Dependent claims 2 to 7 concern particular embodiments of the invention and therefore meet the requirements of PCT Article 33.

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